REMARKS

Claims 4-8, 12-16, 21, and 25-38 are pending. Claims 4-8 and 12-16 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 9-11, 17-20 and 22-24 have been canceled. Claims 25-38 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the April 19 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claim 21, for which the Applicant thank the Examiner.

The Examiner objected to claims 4, 6, 7, 12, 14, and 15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. (April 19 Office Action, page 8) Applicant has rewritten claims 4, 6, 7, 12, 14, and 15 in independent form and has further slightly amended each to improve form. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4, 6, 7, 12, 14, and 15 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 5, 8, 25, 27 and 28 depend from independent claim 4. Claims 29-30 depend from claim 6. Claims 31-32 depend from claim 7. Claims 13, 16, 26, and 33-34 depend from claim 12. Claims 35 -36 and 37-38 depend from claims 14 and 15, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5, 8, 13, 16, 25-38 are in condition for allowance.

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Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference call would advance prosecution of the application.

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